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1. GDR. A) PURSUANT REFTTEL A, INITIAL CONTACT MADE WITH GDR MISSION TO DISCUSS GDR-PROPOSED US-GDR TECHNICAL MEETING. IT WAS EXPLAINED TO GDR REPS THAT SUCH MEETING WOULD BE IN RESPONSE TO GDR SUGGESTION. AT PRELIMINARY MEETING, GDR MISSION COUNSELOR (MICHEEL) SUGGESTED THAT FIRST SUBSTANTIVE MEETING BE FOR EXCHANGE OF POINTS OF VIEW AND THAT IT REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL, SAYING THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT POLITICAL ISSUES CONFIDENTIAL

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WERE NOT TO BE DISCUSSED. US REPS STATED THAT US SIDE UNDER-

STOOD GDR PROPOSAL FOR CONFIDENTIAL, INFORMAL TECHNICAL TALKS AS MEANS FOR GDR TO RESPOND TO US REQUEST AUGUST 19 FOR CLARIFICATION OF GDR INTENTIONS. US REPS DID NOT COMMIT US SIDE TO MORE THAN MEETING SET FOR 10:00 A.M. OCTOBER 16. GDR REPS WILL BE HANS-JUERGEN MICHEEL; DR. WERNER SYDOW, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, STATE BROADCASTS COMMITTEE; HERBERT GOETZE, SECTION CHIEF, PTT MINISTRY; AND DR. WINFRIED KNOPE, SCIENTIFIC ADVISOR, PTT MINISTRY. USREPS WILL BE HUFFCUTT, JACOBS, PFUND AND FRIEDLAND.

B) AT LUNCH TODAY HOSTED BY VON TEMPEL, MINISTER OF FRG MISSION, FRG REPS EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT PROPOSED BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN US-GDR AND UK-GDR MAY BE DELIBERATE EFFORT BY GDR AT LEAST PARTIALLY TO ISOLATE FRG. USREP (HUFFCUTT) ASSURED FRG THAT OUR TECHNICAL DISCUSSION WITH GDR WILL BE CONSISTENT WITH FRG POSITION AND THAT RESULTS OF MEETING WILL BE COMMUNICATED IMMEDIATELY TO FRG REPS IN ORDER THAT WE CAN MAINTAIN FULLY COORDINATED POSITIONS. FRG (KUPPER) IS SCHEDULED MEET THIS AFTERNOON WITH GDR HEAD OF DELEGATION; KUPPER INFORMED US HE WILL MAKE A STRONG OBJECTION TO GDR'S OBVIOUSLY INTENTIONAL EFFORT BLOCK BROADCASTS FROM FRG AND WEST BERLIN. WE WILL MEET WITH KUPPER IN MORNING FOR DEBRIEF ON HIS MEETING WITH GDR, AND WILL MAKE LAST MINUTE CHECK WITH HIM BEFORE GOING TO US-GDR MEETING ON OCTOBER 16.

2. YUGOSLAVIA NOW EXTREMELY SERIOUS PROBLEM FOR BOTH US AND FRG. IFRB'S UPDATED COMPUTER RUNS OF COMPATIBILITY ASSESSMENTS DATED OCTOBER 13, REVEAL GOY HAS SUBMITTED ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS WHICH NOT PREVIOUSLY KNOWN. LATEST GOY FILINGS ARE ON RIAS BERLIN 990 KHZ, RIAS-HOF 738 KHZ AND VOA-FRG 1197 KHZ, AND ALSO ON FOUR OF THE FRG OWN OPERATIONAL FREQUENCIES. POTENTIAL EFFECT ON US OPERATIONS OF THIS LATEST ACTION BY GOY IS A TOTAL DEGRADATION OF VOA NIGHT OPERATIONS FROM BOTH FRG (1197 KHZ) AND KAVALA, GREECE (792 KHZ) AND RIAS IN BERLIN ON 990 KHZ. FRG CONFIDENTIAL

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(KUPPER) MET WITH GOY REPS THIS MORNING AND REPORTS HE MADE A STRONG OBJECTION TO GOY'S DISREGARD FOR ESTABLISHED OPERATIONS AND THEIR DISREGARD OF TECHNICAL PRINCIPLES ADOPTED BY FIRST SESSION OF CONFERENCE. KUPPER MEETS AGAIN WITH GOY REPS AT 0900 OCTOBER 15 AND WILL INFORM US RESULTS ASAP. LATEST MOVE OF GOY APPEARS BE IN CONCERT WITH EASTERN BLOC AND DESIGNED TO WIPE OUT BROADCASTS TO EASTERN

EUROPE. US TEAM HAS BEEN PLANNING TO MEET WITH GOY
REPS BUT WILL REASSESS SITUATION WHEN WE LEARN RESULTS
OF KUPPER'S FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH GOY TOMORROW.
RIGHT NOW THE SITUATION APPEARS LIKELY TO WARRANT A
VERY STRONG AND BROADENED DEMARCHE IN BELGRADE.
RESULTS OF TOMORROW'S FRG-GOY DISCUSSIONS WILL BE
REPORTED ASAP. ABRAMS

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